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1. AS OF 2200 HOURS ON 14 SEPTEMBER CARABINERO OFFICERS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 60 SNIPERS REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE CENTER OF SANTIAGO. ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: A) SABOTAGE AND BURNING OF A FLOUR MILL ON CALLE EXPOSICION; B) FIRE FIGHTS WITH GOVERNMENT FORCES IN FRONT OF THE UNCTAD BUILDING, AT THE 22ND POLICE STATION, IN THE PUENTE ALTO AREA (A WORKERS SUBURB ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SANTIAGO, IN FRONT OF THE CARABINERO SCHOOL, IN THE

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AREA SURROUNDING THE 4TH POLICE HQS AND IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

2. THE LA LEGUA POBLACION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT FORCES. MILITARY AND CARABINERO OFFICERS ESTIMATE THAT AN OPPOSITION FORCE OF UP TO 5,000 PEOPLE ARE LOCATED IN THE LA LEGUA AREA. A JOINT MILITARY AND CARABINERO OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 15 SEPTEMBER TO SECURE THE AREA. THE MILITARY OFFICERS IN CHARGE ARE CONSIDERING THE USE OF ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE OPPOSITION FORCE.

3. DURING 14 SEPTEMBER THE LA HORMIGA POBLACION AND THE MADECO-MADEMSA POBLACION SURROUNDING THE FACTORIES BY THE SAME NAME, SURRENDERED TO GOVERNMENT FORCES WITHOUT OFFERING RESISTANCE.

4. AS OF LATE 14 SEPTEMBER CARABINERO CASULTIES IN THE SANTIAGO AREA WERE 14 KILLED AND 32 WOUNDED SINCE 11 SEPTEMBER. [REDACTED]
COMMENT: DESPITE THE POCKETS OF RESISTENCE STILL BEING ENCOUNTERED IN SANTIAGO, CARBINERO OFFICIALS ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE ARMED RESISTENCE, AND FEEL THE SITUATION IS WELL UNDER CONTROL.)

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